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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO CENTRAL AMERICA

REF: SAN JOSE 0312

1. DURING MY CALL ON FONMIN FACIO JANUARY 22, HE SAID THAT HE ALSO THINKS WE SHOULD INVITE TORRIJOS. HE RECALLED THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED THIS TO THE SECRETARY SOME TIME AGO AND NOTED THAT SINCE TORRIJOS HAS ATTENDED PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF CA CHIEFS OF STATE AN INVITATION THIS TIME WOULD NOT APPEAR UNUSUAL. FACIO IS GOING TO PANAMA NEXT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, AND WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO BE ABLE TO EXTEND INVITATION TO TORRIJOS AT THAT TIME IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS.
 2. FACIO SAID HE WILL PROCEED FROM PANAMA TO ALL OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO DELIVER FORMAL INVITATIONS FROM PRESIDENT ODUBER.
 3. FACIO VOLUNTEERED THAT HE SEES NO PARTICULAR NEED FOR SECRETARY TO HAVE SEPARATE, PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH EACH VISITING CHIEF OF STATE AS ODUBER HAS RECOMMENDED (REFTEL). HE THINKS THERE WOULD BE TIME ENOUGH FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGES AT THE
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LUNCHEON, AND HE OBVIOUSLY WANTS TO KEEP TIME FREE

FOR SECRETARY TO TOUR SAN JOSE. IF DEPARTMENT IS
INCLINED TO SIDESTEP ODUBER'S SUGGESTION OF SEPARATE
INTERVIEWS, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT FACIO AT LEAST WILL BE
SYMPATHETIC.

4. REQUEST THIS MESSAGE BE PASSED TO AMEMBASSIES
MANAGUA, GUATEMALA, TEGUCIGALPA, SAN SALVADOR, AND PANAMA.
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